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## DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.132

I, Walter N. Blejde, do hereby declare, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that:

I, with Rama Ballav Mahapatra and Lazar Strezov, am a co-inventor of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/761,947, filed January 21, 2004 and entitled CASTING STEEL STRIP WITH LOW SURFACE ROUGHNESS AND LOW POROSITY.

I am a co-inventor with Rama Ballav Mahapatra and Lazar Strezov on U.S. Application Serial No. 10/243,699, filed September 13, 2002 and entitled CASTING STEEL STRIP.

Insofar as the invention of the present application, 10/761,947, was disclosed but not claimed in U.S. Application Serial No. 10/243,699, it was originally invented by me, Rama Ballay Mahapatra, and Lazar Strezov as co-inventors and is thus not the invention "by another."

Portions of the invention of the present application, 10/761,947, were described in U.S. Application Serial No. 10/243,699 to comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.